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3. A kind of flow creeping snail.
4. [Slegc, an hammerhead, Saxon.] A cylindrical or oval piece of metal shot from a gun.
- When fractures are made with bullets or *slugs*, there the scalp and cranium are driven in together. *Weyman's Surgery.*
- As, forc'd from wind-guns, lead itself can fly,
- And pond'rous *slugs* cut swiftly through the sky. *Pope.*
- To SLUG. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To lie idle; to play the dromed; to move slowly.
- All he did was to deceive good knights,
- And draw them from pursuit of praise and fame,
- To *slug* in sloth and sensual delights,
- And end their days with irrenowned fame. *Fairy Queen.*
- He lay not all night *slugging* in a cabin under his mantle,
- but used commonly to keep others waking to defend their lives. *Spenser.*
- One went *slugging* on with a thousand cares. *L'Estrange.*
- SLUGGARD. *n. f.* [from *slug*.] An idler; a drone; an inactive lazy fellow.
- Cry mercy, lords, and watchful gentlemen,
- That you have ta'en a tardy *slugard* here. *Shakespeare. R. III.*
- Up, up, says avarice; thou snor'st again,
- Stretchest thy limbs, and yawn'st, but all in vain:
- The tyrant lures no denial takes;
- At his command th' unwilling *slugard* wakes. *Dryden.*
- Sprightly May commands our youth to keep
- The vigils of her night, and breaks their *slugard* sleep. *Dry.*
- To SLUGGARDIZE. *v. a.* [from *slugard*.] To make idle; to make dromish.
- Rather see the wonders of the world abroad,
- Than, living dully *slugardiz'd* at home,
- Wear out thy youth with shapeless idleness. *Shakespeare.*
- SLUGGISHLY. *adj.* [from *slug*.] Dull; drowsy; lazy; slothful; idle; insipid; slow; inactive; inert.
- Sluggish* idleness, the nurse of sin,
- Upon a slothful ass he chose to ride. *Fairy Queen.*
- Whom neither wind out of their seat could force,
- Nor tides did drive out of their *sluggish* source. *Spenser.*
- One, bolder than the rest,
- With his broad sword provok'd the *sluggish* beast. *Waller.*
- Matter, being impotent, *sluggish*, and inactive, hath no power to stir or move itself. *Woodward.*
- SLUGGISHLY. *adv.* [from *sluggish*.] Dully; not nimbly; lazily; idly; slowly.
- SLUGGISHNESS. *n. f.* [from *sluggish*.] Dulness; sloth; laziness; idleness; inertness.
- The most of mankind are inclined by her thither, if they would take the pains; no less than birds to fly, and horses to run; which, if they lose, it is thro' their own *sluggishness*, and by that means become her prodigies, not her children. *B. Johnson.*
- It is of great moment to teach the mind to shake off its *sluggishness*, and vigorously employ itself about what reason shall direct. *Locke.*
- SLUICE. *n. f.* [*sluice*, Dutch; *sluys*, French; *sluysa*, Italian.] A watergate; a floodgate; a vent for water.
- Two other precious drops that ready flood,
- Each in their crystal *sluice*, he ere they fell
- Kiss'd, as the gracious signs of sweet remorse,
- And pious awe, that fear'd to have offended. *Milton.*
- Divine Alpheus, who, by secret *sluice*,
- Stole under kas to meet his Arethuse. *Milton.*
- If we receive them all, they were more than seven; if only the natural *sluices*, they were fewer. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- As waters from her *sluices*, flow'd
- Unbounded sorrow from her eyes: *Prior.*
- To SLUICE. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To emit by floodgates.
- Like a traitor coward,
- Sluic'd* out his innocent soul through streams of blood. *Shakespeare.*
- Veins of liquid ore *sluic'd* from the lake. *Milton.*
- You wrong me, if you think I'll sell one drop
- Within these veins for pageants; but let honour
- Call for my blood, I'll *sluice* it into streams;
- Turn fortune loose again to my pursuits,
- And let me hunt her through combat'd foes
- In dusty plains; there will I be the first. *Dryden. Span. Fryar.*
- SLUICELY. *adv.* [from *sluice*.] Falling in streams as from a sluice or floodgate.
- And oft whole sheets descend of *sluicy* rain,
- Suck'd by the spongy clouds from off the main:
- The lusty *sluice* at once come pouring down.
- The promis'd crop and golden labours drown. *Dryden.*
- To SLUMBER. *v. n.* [from *slumber*, Saxon; *sluymeren*, Dutch.]
1. To sleep lightly; to be not awake nor in profound sleep.
- He that keepeth Israel shall neither *slumber* nor sleep. *Pf.*
- Confidence wakes despair that *slumber'd*. *Milton.*
2. To sleep; to repose. *Slumber* and *slumber* are often confounded.
- God speaketh, yet man perceiveth it not: in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in *slumberings* upon the bed. *Job xxxiii. 15.*

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- Have ye chosen this place,
- After the toil of battle, to repose
- Your wearied virtue, for the use you find
- To *slumber* here. *Milton.*
3. To be in a state of negligence and supineness.
- To SLUMBER. *v. a.*
1. To lay to sleep.
  2. To stupify; to slum.
- Then up he took the *slumbered* sentinels corse,
- And ere he could out of his swoon awake,
- Him to his castle brought. *Fairy Queen.*
- To honest a deed after it was done, or to *slumber* his conscience in the doing, he studied other incentives. *Waller.*
- SLUMBER. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Light sleep; sleep not profound.
  2. To sleep; to repose.
- And for his dreams, I wonder he's so fond
- To trust the mock'ry of unquiet *slumbers*. *Shakespeare. R. III.*
- From carelessness it shall fall into *slumber*, and from a *slumber* it shall settle into a deep and long sleep; 'till at last, perhaps, it shall sleep itself into a lethargy, and that such an one that nothing but hell and judgment shall awaken it. *South.*
- Labour and rest, that equal periods keep;
- Obedient *slumbers* that can wake and weep. *Pope.*
- Boy! Lucius! fast asleep? It is no matter;
- Enjoy the honey-heavy dew of *slumber*. *Shakespeare. Jul. Caf.*
- Love denies
- Rest to my soul, and *slumber* to my eyes:
- Three days I promis'd to attend my doom,
- And two long days and nights are yet to come. *Dryden.*
- SLUMBEROUS. *adj.* [from *slumber*.]
- SLUMBERY. *adj.* [from *slumber*.]
1. Inviting to sleep; superfluous; causing sleep.
  2. Sleepy; not waking.
- The timely dew of sleep,
- Now falling with soft *slumberous* weight, inclines
- Our eyelids. *Milton.*
- While pensive in the silent *slumberous* shade,
- Sleep's gentle pow'r her drooping eyes invade;
- Minerva, life-like, on embodied air
- Impress'd the form of Iphigenia. *Pope's Odyssey.*
- There every eye with *slumberous* chains the bound,
- And dash'd the flowing goblets to the ground. *Pope.*
3. A great perturbation in nature! to receive at once the benefit of sleep, and do the effects of watching: in this *slumbery* agitation, what have you heard her say? *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
- SLUNG. The preterite and participle passive of *slung*.
- SLUNK. The preterite and participle passive of *slunk*.
- Silence accompany'd; for beast, and bird,
- They to their grassy couch, these to their nests,
- Were *slunk*. *Milton's Paradise Lost, l. vi.*
- Back to the thicket *slunk*
- The guilty serpent, and well might; for Eve,
- Intent now wholly on her taste, nought else
- Regarded. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
- To SLUR. *v. a.* [*slur*, Dutch; *slure*, Saxon; *slure*, a slur.]
1. To slur; to foil; to contaminate.
  2. To pass lightly; to talk; to mislead.
- The athlete's laugh in their sleeves, and not a little triumph
- to see the cause of their thus betrayed by their professed friends,
- and the grand argument *slurred* by them, and so their work
- done to their hands. *Cudworth.*
- Studious to please the genius of the times,
- With periods, points, and tropes he *slurs* his crimes;
- He robb'd not, but he borrow'd from the poor,
- And took but with intention to restore. *Dryden.*
3. To cheat; to trick.
- What was the publick faith found out for,
- But to *slur* men of what they fought for? *Hudibras.*
- Come, seven's the main,
- Cries Ganymede: the usual trick:
- Seven, *slur* a six; eleven, a nick.
- SLUR. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Faint reproach; slight disgrace.
- Here's an ape made a king for shewing tricks; and the fox
- is then to put a *slur* upon him, in expelling him for sport to the scorn of the people. *L'Estrange.*
- No one can rely upon such an one, either with fidelity
- to his affairs, or without a *slur* to his reputation; since he that
- trusts a knave has no other recompence, but to be accounted
- a fool for his pains. *South's Sermons.*
- SLUT. *n. f.* [*slut*, Dutch.]
1. A dirty woman.
  2. Cricket, to Wind for chimneys shalt thou leap:
- Where fires thou find'st unrak'd, and hearths unswept,

There pinch the maids as blue as bilberry;

Our radiant queen hates *sluts* and flutters. *Shakespeare.*

The fallow skin is for the swarthy put,

And love can make a flatterer of a *slut*. *Dryden.*

The veal's all rags, the butter's turn'd to oil;

And thus I buy good meat for *sluts* to spoil. *King.*

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2. A word of slight contempt to a woman:
- Hold up, you *sluts*,
- Your aprons mountant; you're not otable,
- Although I know you'll swear. *Shakespeare. Timon.*
- The frogs were ready to leap out of their skins for joy,
- 'till one crafty old *slut* in the company advised them to consider a little better on't. *L'Estrange.*

SLUTTERY. *n. f.* [from *slut*.] The qualities or practice of a slut.

*Slutty*, to such neat excellence oppos'd,

Should make desire vomit emptiness. *Shakespeare. Cymbeline.*

Where fires thou find'st unrak'd, and hearths unswept,

There pinch the maids as blue as bilberry;

Our radiant queen hates *sluts* and flutters. *Shakespeare.*

These make our girls their flutters rue,

By pinching them both black and blue;

And put a penny in their shoe,

The house for cleanly sweeping. *Dryden.*

A man gave money for a black, upon an opinion that his

swarthy colour was rather flutters than nature, and the fault of

his matter that kept him no cleaner. *L'Estrange.*

SLUTTY. *adj.* [from *slut*.] Nasty; not nice; not cleanly;

dirty; indecently negligent of cleanliness.

All preparations both for food and lodging such as would

make one detect niggardness, it is to *slutty* a vice. *Sidney.*

Albeit the mariners do cover store of cabins, yet indeed

they are but flutters dens that breed sickness in peace, serving

to cover sloth, and in fight are dangerous to tear men with

their splinters. *Raleigh's Essays.*

Fortune's displeasure is but flutters, if it smelt so strongly as

thou speak'st of: I will henceforth eat no fish of fortune's but-

tering. *Shakespeare. All's well that ends well.*

The naughtiness of that nation, and flutters course of life, hath

much promoted the opinion, occasioned by their servile condi-

tion at first, and inferior ways of pastime ever since. *Leaven.*

Slothful disorder fill'd his stable,

And flutters plenty deck'd her table. *Prior.*

SLUTTISHLY. *adv.* [from flutters.] In a flutters manner;

nastily; dirtily.

SLUTTISHNESS. *n. f.* [from flutters.] The qualities or prac-

tice of a slut; nastiness; dirtiness.

That is only suitable in laying a foul complexion upon a

filthy favour, setting forth both in flutters flutters.

I look on the instinct of this noisome and troublesome crea-

ture, the loue, of searching out foul and nasty clothes to har-

bour and breed in, as an effect of divine providence, designed

to deter men and women from flutters flutters and dirtiness, and to

provoke them to cleanliness and neatness. *Ray on the Creation.*

SLY. *adj.* [from *slay*, Saxon; slippery and metaphorically deceitful;

slugg, flandersick.] Meanly artful; secretly invidious; cunning.

For my fly wiles and subtle craftiness,

The title of the kingdom I possess. *Hubbard's Tale.*

And for I doubt the Greekish monarch fly,

Will use with him some of his worst craft. *Fairfax.*

His proud step he scornful turn'd,

And with fly circumspection. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

Envy is a curled plant: some fibres of it are rooted almost

in every man's nature, and it works in a fly and imperceptible

manner. *Waller.*

It is odious in a man to look fly and leering at a wo-

man. *Clarissa.*

SLYLY. *adv.* [from fly.] With secret artifice; insidiously.

To SMACK. *v. n.* [from *smack*, Saxon; *smacken*, Dutch.]

  1. To have a taste; to be tainted with any particular taste.
  2. To have a tincture or quality infused.

All tastes, all ages, *smack* of this vice, and he

To die for it! *Shakespeare. Measure for Measure.*

He is but a ballad to the time,

That doth not *smack* of observation. *Shakespeare. King John.*

3. To make a noise by separation of the lips strongly pressed

together, as after a taste.

4. To kiss with a close compression of the lips, so as to be heard

when they separate.

She kiss'd with *smacking* lip the snoring lout;

For such a kiss demands a pair of gloves. *Gay.*

He gives a *smacking* buls. *Pope.*

To SMACK. *v. a.*

  1. To kiss.
  2. To carelessly flowers, strow'd on the waters face,

The curled whirlpools suck, *smack*, and embrace,

Yet drown them. *Donne.*

3. To make any quick smart noise.

SMACK. *n. f.* [from *smack*, Dutch; from the verb.]

  1. Taste; favour.
  2. Tincture; quality from something mixed.

The child, that sucketh the milk of the nurse, learns his

first speech of her; the which, being the first infused to his

tongue, is ever after most pleasing unto him, inasmuch, that

though he afterwards be taught English, yet the *smack* of the

first will always abide with him. *Spenser.*

Your lordship, though not clean past your youth, hath yet

some *smack* of age in you, some reliqu of the fatness of time,

and have a care of your health. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*

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- It caused the neighbours to rue, that a petty *smack* only of
- popery opened a gap to the oppression of the whole. *Carew.*
- As the Pythagorean soul
- Runs through all beasts, and fish and fowl,

And has a *smack* of ev'ry one,

So love does, and has ever done. *Hudibras.*

3. A pleasing taste.

Smack pease upon hovel;

To cover it quickly let owner regard,

Left dove and the cadow there finding a *smack*,

With ill stormy weather do perish thy rack. *Tupper.*

4. A small quantity; a taste.

Trembling to approach

The little barrel, which he fears to broach,

H' essays the wimble, often draws it back,

And deals to thirsty servants but a *smack*. *Dryden's Pers.*

5. The act of parting the lips audibly, as after a pleasing taste.

6. A loud kiss.

He took

The bride about the neck, and kiss her lips

With such a clamorous *smack*, that at the parting

All the church echo'd. *Shakespeare. Taming of the Shrew.*

I saw the lecherous citizen turn back

His head, and on his wife's lip steal a *smack*. *Donne.*

7. [Smacca, Saxon; *smackra*, flandersick.] A small ship.

SMALL. *adj.* [small, Saxon; *small*, Dutch; *small*, flandersick.]

  1. Little in quantity; not great.
  2. For a *small* moment have I forsaken thee, but with great

mercies will I gather thee. *Is. lii. 7.*

Death only this mysterious truth unfolds,

The mighty soul how *small* a body holds. *Dryden's Juven.*

All numeration is but still the adding of one unit more, and

giving to the whole together a distinct name, whereby to dis-

tinguish it from every *smaller* or greater multitude of units. *Lee.*

The ordinary *small* measure we have is looked on as an

unit in number. *Locke.*

The danger is less when the quantity of the fluids is too

*small*, than when it is too great; for a *smaller* quantity will

pass where a larger cannot, but not contrariwise. *Boyle.*

Good cooks cannot abide fiddling work: such is the creck-

ing of *small* birds, requiring a world of cookery. *Swift.*

  2. Slender; exile; minute.
  - After the earthquake a fire, and after the fire a still *smaller*

voice. *1 Kings xix. 12.*

Your sin and calf I burnt, and ground it very *small*, 'till it

was as *small* as dust. *Deut. ix. 21.*

Those wav'd their limber fans

For wings, and *small* lineaments exact. *Milton.*

*Small* grained sand is esteem'd the best for the tenant, and

the large for the landlord and land. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

  3. Little in degree.
  - There arose no *small* stir about that way. *Acts xix. 23.*
  4. Little in importance; petty; minute.
  - Is it a *small* matter that thou hast taken my husband? *Gen.*

Narrow man being fill'd with little shares,

Courts, city, church, are all shops of *small* wares;

All having blown to sparks their noble fire,

And drawn their found gold ingot into wire. *Donne.*

Some mens behaviour is like a verse, wherein every syllable

is measured: how can a man comprehend great matters that

breaketh his mind too much to *small* observations? *Bacon.*

  5. Little in the principal quality, as *small* beer; not strong;

weak.

Go down to the cellar to draw ale or *small* beer. *Swift.*

SMALL. *n. f.* [from the adjective.] The small or narrow part

of any thing. It is particularly applied to the part of the leg

below the calf.

Her garment was cut after such a fashion, that though the

length of it reached to the ancles, yet in her going one might

sometimes discern the *small* of her leg. *Sidney.*

Into her legs I'd have love's issues fall,

And all her calf into a gouty *small*. *Suckling.*

His excellency, having mounted on the *small* of my leg, ad-

vanced forwards. *Gulliver's Travels.*

SMALLAGE. *n. f.* [from *small* age, because it soon withers.

*Stinner.*] A plant. It is a species of parley, and a common

weed by the sides of ditches and brooks. *Adler.*

*Smallage* is raised by slips or seed, which is redish, and

pretty big, of a roundish oval figure, a little more full and

rising on one side than the other, and break'd from one end

to the other. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

SMALLCOAL. *n. f.* [from *small* and coal.] Little wood coals used

to light fires.

A *smallcoal* man, by waking one of these distressed gentle-

men, saved him from ten years imprisonment. *Spectator.*

When *smallcoal* murmurs in the hoarse throat,

From smutty dangers guard thy threaten'd coat. *Gay.*

SMALLCRAFT. *n. f.* [from *small* and craft.] A little vessel below

the denomination of ship.

Shall he before me sign, whom t'other day

A *smallcraft* vessel hither did convey;

Where stain'd with prunes, and rotten figs, he lay. *Dryden.*

SMALLPOX.